

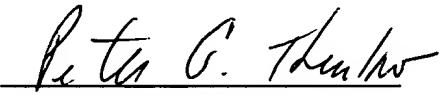
REMARKS

Applicants note that the Office Action dated August 21, 2003 was a duplicate of the Office Action dated July 22, 2002. One of Applicants' attorneys reviewed, by telephone, this point with the Examiner on several occasions, most recently by telephone on November 20, 2003. The Examiner requested that Applicants re-submit these documents to the Office in response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2003, and Applicants hereby enclose these documents. Applicants also enclose two postcards, stamped by the Office, indicating receipt of these documents.

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

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